

(Belarus) Crisis Praying

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David Wilkerson's sermon emphasizes the urgent need for prayer and spiritual readiness in anticipation of a significant move of God in the church.

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Scripture: Nehemiah 2:17, Daniel 10:2-10, Joel 2:28, Matthew 6:33, John 20:19, Acts 2:17

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher shares his personal journey of being consumed by television and worldly entertainment. He describes how God convicted him to get rid of his TV and spend that time in prayer. The preacher then recounts a powerful experience where he interrupted a murder trial to speak to the judge and try to reach out to the young men involved in the crime. Despite facing ridicule and mockery, the preacher obeyed God's call and went to New York City to minister to troubled youth. Through fasting and prayer, he sought God's guidance and saw the transformative power of God in his own life and in the lives of those he reached out to.

Transcript

In the service this evening, I want to share with you a prophecy. Something I believe God has already started to do. It's begun around the world and it's beginning here in your country.

That'll be in the evening service tonight. I want to talk to you about Christ's praying. I'm telling it even now before I give you this prophecy tonight.

What God is about to do is the most amazing thing God has ever done in the history of creation, other than the birth of His own Son. And something very, very exciting is coming. But as I was praying about this service this afternoon, in fact, last evening and all of this day, I have been struggling with the Holy Spirit about what I was to speak today.

I hear this incredible praying while we're gathered here. And I know that the majority of you are praying men and women. And this was my argument with the Lord.

I'm going to have to bring a hard message. And I don't think these people need it. Because I think there's a lot of praying.

There's a cry for growth. There's a cry that God will expand your borders. That the more I prayed, the more I realized that I have to do what He's called me to do.

I've never claimed to be a prophet. But I am a watchman. Just one of many.

And God spoke clearly to me that what is coming in the future, this glorious work of the Holy Spirit, your churches are not ready. You are not ready. We're not ready in the United States.

But I'm speaking particularly to those that are in this, I don't care whether you're Pentecostal or what denomination you may be from. God's about to do a new thing in this nation beyond anything you could conceive. But many are not going to be ready.

Many churches and pastors are not going to be ready. I want to talk to all of you. I didn't come here to spank anybody.

I'm really not here to try to correct people. But you see, I'm 72 years old now. And I've got nothing left to prove.

If you don't like me here, I have a church I can go to and preach. And I don't try to please anybody anymore. The hour is late, and Jesus is coming.

It's time for truth. It's time for the Holy Ghost to dig deep into our hearts. And I can tell you what I share with you is something He's done deep in my own soul.

Some of you are in women's ministries. There may be some elders here, youth pastors, and those who work in parachurch ministries. But I want to speak to all of you.

Heavenly Father, I pray now for a special anointing of the Holy Spirit. God, you're trying to say something to us today. Thank you for the precious word this morning.

You want to put joy in our hearts and remove the sorrow and the depression from all of our hearts. But, oh God, dig deep now. Set forth a foundation upon which all these things are built.

Lord, let it flow out of my inner being, I pray. In Jesus' name, Amen. Daniel testified.

You hold a hand, touch me, which set me upon my knees and upon the palms of my hands. That's in Daniel 10. And here's what he said.

God touched my life, and this touch from God brought me to my knees, and He gave me an urgency to pray. And this touch from God made me seek the Lord as I've never sought Him before. Why does God use certain men and certain women? Why does God pick out one here, one here, and over here? He picks out certain men, certain women, that become seekers after God.

Did the initiation of it start in heaven, or did it start in the heart of these individuals? Why did God touch Daniel in such a special way? I spoke just shortly, a little bit about Daniel last night. But there were other godly men in Babylon at the time seeking God. We know of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

And probably at the time, Ezra and Nehemiah were young men. And there were at least 50,000 that were prepared to go back and rebuild the temple. But why does God touch this particular man? Even out of those thousands who had a heart for God, that would give up Babylon and go back through the hardships

to rebuild Jerusalem.

I want you to go to Daniel, if you will, please. Go to the 10th chapter. And I want you to see it in your own Bible, please.

Chapter 10, 10. And behold, a hand touched me. It set me upon my knees and upon the palms of my hand.

He said, something supernatural happened to me. God touched my life in a new and special way. And when I got this touch from God, it put me on my face.

It caused me to become a man of prayer. You know he prayed three times a day as it was. But God was asking more.

He was bringing this man to a crisis. Because you see, when God wants to restore and God wants to do a new thing, where there's been ruin and the house of God has been threatened, all through the history of this book, God doesn't use angels. He uses men.

Godly men and godly women. They were not destined from eternity. They made a conscious decision.

To seek the face of God and to be men and women of prayer. And God appears to them. He sees this urgency to pray.

You see, God calls every minister to pray. I don't know why you'd be in the ministry if you didn't get a call to pray. And almost every young preacher has this call.

And all they pray, not just in church, but they have hourly time that they pray daily with the Lord. But as they get older and minister longer, they lose that urgency. They don't feel the urgency.

And they get so busy and they don't pray. I remember an old prophet coming to me. A great man of prayer.

He's written a number of books. His name was Leonard Ravenhill. He wrote Why Revival Tarries.

Sodom had no Bible as one of his books. He traveled the whole world. And I remember what he said.

David, preachers don't pray. He said, I see that all over the world. They meditate.

Oh, they give God a certain time, moments a day. They pray to get a sermon. And they count their study time as prayer time.

But as a rule, preachers do not pray. I couldn't believe that when I heard it until I traveled the world. I had a pastor and his wife ask me to have lunch with them.

He pastored a church of 1,000 and we're sitting at the table in a restaurant. And she turned to her husband, she said, please tell him or I'm going to tell him. That's an old boy, another adultery story.

I don't think I want to hear this. But that's not what it was. His wife was concerned and he told me, he said, Pastor David, I'm a good pastor, 1,000 people.

I love my people. But I have not prayed in one year. I've not prayed in a year.

I don't know how to pray anymore. And his wife was heartbroken. She said, my husband is so worried.

He's so good at this. He can pastor a church without prayer. And I was shocked.

And I hear it everywhere I go. Now I know that most of you do pray probably. But God has put this on my heart for this afternoon.

I want you to look at verse 2 in chapter 10. And I'll read all the way down through verse 9. Go ahead. Verse 9. In this, the context of this, Daniel had been reading the prophecy of Jeremiah.

Seventy years would be fulfilled, and then Israel would go back to the Promised Land. And he discovered that this was the very year. But nobody was talking about it.

God was going to bring a restoration. God wanted to take his people back. God wanted to restore his church.

And no one was seeking God. And the Bible says, he said, I began to fast. For three weeks, I went into a crisis.

I didn't eat any pleasant bread. Nor wine. I didn't anoint myself.

Twenty-one days, shut in with God. Now, he was not shut in for 24 hours a day. Because the Bible said he did his king's business.

He did the business of the king. He was the third leader in Babylon. A very busy man.

But the word of God had awakened him. And he knew God was trying to do something for the house of God. He's not talking about some great thing for himself.

And after 21 days of fasting, 21 days of seeking God, he got the same vision John got on the isle of Patmos. And here stands before him a certain man clothed in linen. The same flaming eyes that John saw.

This was a vision of Christ himself. His voice was like thunder. His appearance was like lightning.

And Daniel said, I alone saw the vision. The men that were with me didn't see the vision. But a great fear fell upon them, and they fled and hid themselves.

Now, get the picture, if you will, please. These were good men. You remember that Daniel started in Babylon by a separation from all that was unclean.

He would have not associated with an unclean or ungodly person. These had to be men that knew God, and they were with Daniel. And this vision comes forth, and it's as bright as lightning, and a voice like thunder.

And Daniel says, I alone saw and heard. Why was he the only one that heard it? Why did those others that were with him? Why did they see nothing? Why did they hear nothing? Why did they run and hide? The only reason I can imagine anyone hiding from God's presence is sin. And I see this.

And he sees this vision of Christ. He said, and I fell on my face, and a hand came on me. And really, it means it pushed me to my knees and upon the palms of my hands.

And God said, in essence, here's what God said. I've been trying to speak to this nation. I've been waiting to find a man who would understand the crises and understand the times and would give themselves, who would make a decision to fast and pray that I could make them a voice, that they could become an oracle for me, and I would give them my words.

I would speak through them and cause them to stand up. I would speak my words unto them. And here's what the Scripture says.

The voice came to Daniel. Fear not, because from the first day you set your heart to understand and chasten yourself before God. Your words were heard, and I've come for thy words.

God said, I remember the very day and the hour. You were into my word, and my word challenged you. You saw the promise that was made, and you began to mourn and weep.

You made a conscious decision to shut everything down. Only do that which is absolutely vital. And give me all your waking hours.

Get on your face, and begin to fast and pray. And I saw that day you made up your mind. Don't care what anyone else says or does.

I don't care if I'm the only one fasting and praying. Someone has to touch God. God wants to speak, and I want to hear.

I'm not satisfied. I want to see God do something in Jerusalem. Jerusalem is in ruins.

The temple is broken down. The walls are in ruin. And God said and promised He would do something.

And this is the time. And I want to see God fulfill His word. And I promise you now, God knows the day, and He knows the very hour that you got fed up with just playing church and going through the motions and just trying to get a sermon.

And one day you read the Bible, and you saw that God said, I'll pour up My Spirit on all flesh. You begin to read the signs of the times, and the Holy Spirit began to tell you, I want to use you. I want to restore.

I want to build up what has fallen down. And God said, I'll remember the day that you, I don't care who you are, you can be an unknown woman in the church, an elder, a pastor of a little church. But a day came when you said, I'm going to seek God.

And you begin to chasten yourself as Daniel did. You would not eat food. You would go into a fast.

And you would seek My face. And God knows the very day you start. And that's why we're not ready.

Because God has to have a praying, fasting people. I know what I'm talking about. I pastored a little church in just a little town of 1,800 people.

I was 26 years old. And one day, after five years, in that little town with that little flock, something snapped inside of me. I looked at the same people for five years.

People were not getting saved. There were some, but there was no great moving of the Holy Spirit in our midst. People were satisfied.

They wanted a pastor who would marry and bury them. And it was very comfortable. I could go hunting or fishing any time I wanted to.

I was a faithful pastor. But we call ourselves a Holy Ghost Church. We call ourselves Pentecostal.

We call ourselves Full Gospel. Anointed of the Holy Ghost. In a way, thinking we were greater than others in town.

And the very fact that you call yourself Full Gospel is an inference that others only have half the Gospel. And so, I looked at my own heart. And I started digging into the Word.

Through the Book of Acts. And I began to see how we didn't measure up. And I would go into my pulpit.

And I would look at that same group of people. Just wanting another sermon. Something new.

Nobody's witnessing. But we're all praying. Oh God, bring them in.

Bring in new people. Run to heavens and come down. And what we're trying to say, I won't go.

I'm not going to do it. Only Ghost you do it. He's not going to run to heavens and come down.

Well, you're sitting in front of a television set. And then you're praying, Oh God, send a fire. Bring in our neighbors.

Bring in the sinners. No, you're going to sit there another five years. And you're going to preach to the same people.

And after a while, it'll become a job. It'll become a paycheck. Just a way of living.

And eventually it will die. And I got tired of it. I said, this is not Pentecost.

At Pentecost, they were added to the church. At Pentecost, the fire of God came down with conviction. And I said, Oh God, I don't care what it takes.

I don't care what anyone else says or does. I'm going to pray. I'm going to dig into the Bible.

I'm going to learn your heart. I'm tired of preaching sermons. I want a voice from heaven.

I want to know when I stand up. I have come from the throne of God. How do you talk about expanding the church in this country? Why should the Holy Ghost come when we have not been willing to change? How is it that mothers come to me and say, Pray for my son.

He's backslidden. One mother said, My boy is in prison. I want you to pray, Pastor, that the Lord will convict him and save him.

My heart is broken. I said, I'll ask you a question. In the past 30 days, how many hours have you prayed for him? How many tears have you shed for him? And she bows her head.

And she says, Well, really, I'm so busy with two jobs, I have not had time to pray for him. And very lovingly I said to her, And I have no time to pray for him. Because I know you watch television.

And you're wanting me to pray for your son. If you're here today, and you've got unsaved children or grandchildren, and you tell me you want to see them saved, and you're telling me that you don't have time, you've not shed a tear in weeks. I don't care if you're a preacher or a preacher's wife.

I don't care who you are. If you tell me you want them saved, and you've not been weeping for them, you've not been praying for them, you're just lying to yourself. I don't want to hear it.

I hear people saying, We want revival. I hear pastors praying for revival. I hear whole churches praying for revival.

I don't want to hear it anymore. It's hypocrisy. It's empty rhetoric.

If we meant it, we would be seeking God in a crisis situation. We would be fasting. We would be weeping.

We wouldn't be spending hours in front of television laughing and joking. You talk about your family's in trouble. How much time have you been watching television compared to the time you've been shut in with God? And I got tired of that because I would come home Sunday night after preaching, turn on the television, and fall asleep watching programs.

And in the evening, after doing my pastoral work, go to the television, and sit and watch violent programs where people were being murdered. Even the cowboy pictures. People being shot up.

And God spoke to my heart. I destroyed the earth once for violence. And here you are sitting watching it.

God made me a promise. If you get rid of your TV set and spend that time praying, I'll answer your prayer. And I'll change you.

I told my wife. I said, I want to sell the television set because I'm wasting too much time. It takes me away from prayer.

She said, it's up to you. I said, I'll tell you what we'll do. I'll advertise it in the newspaper.

If it's God speaking to me, I'll give him a half hour. If it doesn't sell in a half hour, we'll keep it. Five minutes after the paper came, telephone call, it was sold.

Came and took it away. Holy Ghost said, now go pray. All those hours you wasted, you give them to me now.

This was the beginning of summer. And I know what God was saying to this man, Daniel. I hadn't fasted.

And I began to fast. And I would take my car up on a hill where my wife could look out the window and see my car parked on the top of the hill. And I took an old Bible and went into the woods.

And I said to my wife, if anyone from our church needs me, tell them to blow the horn and I'll come out of the woods. And for weeks, sometimes whole days, with this book, not this one, you couldn't even buy for any amount of money the original one. Because every page is marked.

I began to weep. I began to seek the face of God. I wasn't preaching sermons now.

My wife knew I was a different man. My church knew I was a different man. I was going out now in the evenings, hanging out with young people, inviting them to church and getting them saved.

Set an example for my church. Why would your church go out and witness if you don't? Why would your people pray if you don't? That's hypocrisy. And God began to speak to me for months.

When it got cold, I stayed inside and went into my little prayer room. And one day, in church, I just fell slain. Weeping.

I couldn't stop weeping. My wife and some of the church thought it was a nervous breakdown. But it's the same thing.

A hand touched me and set me on my face. They had to escort me to my parsonage. I went into my study.

Didn't know what it was about. And I opened a magazine. It was called Life Magazine.

And I saw the faces of seven young men in New York City who had stabbed and killed a polio victim in a wheelchair. And the Holy Spirit spoke to my heart. I want to change your life.

Ever since you started seeking me, I was waiting to speak. Now I speak to you. Go to New York City.

And try to talk to those boys. I told the church. I said, I don't have any money.

Come and put it on the community table if you want to help me. Just enough money to get to New York. I'd never been there.

Scared me to death. I went to the trial. And I didn't know how to get to the judge.

I saw those seven boys. Teenagers. Scared to death.

Judge was about to dismiss the Friday. And I had my Bible. I got up out of my seat.

Right in the courtroom. Started marching down toward the courts, toward the judge's bench. And they held up my Bible.

I said, I'm a pastor. Can I have a moment with you, please? Suddenly, police were all over me. Dragged me out.

Then in all the papers. There's the picture. Bible-waving preacher interrupts murder trial.

Judge feared for his life. He thought I was a gangster, had a gun inside my Bible. His life had been threatened.

I went home in shame. My father said, what did you do this time? I said, I don't know. All I could do was weep.

Because you see, when I came out of that courtroom. Went around the corner. I saw police wagons.

And the doors would open. And 10, 15 teenagers, all handcuffed together, were being led into the prison. Gang leaders and gang members.

And I began to weep. I went home. I said, God, after all these months of praying.

I see a city. One of the largest cities in the world. And young people going to hell.

Lord, why did you send me? You said you'd never put me to shame. I'm being mocked everywhere. He's a crazy preacher.

The Lord said, go back. I went back the next week. Get into the city.

Park my car. And I stand by my car. I said, well, here I am.

What do I do? He said, stand still. Suddenly, here comes some young men up to me. Egyptian Lord gang.

They said, aren't you that preacher in the paper? I said, yes. He said, well, the cops messed you up. We don't like what the cops did to you.

The cops mess us up, too. You're one of us. They said, why are you here? To preach Jesus.

He said, well, why don't you go to preach down on 54th Street? One of the worst gangs in New York. One of their rival gangs. I suppose they thought if they got converted, they wouldn't have a problem with them.

They took me down. Knocked on the door in the basement. And I preached my first message down in a hideout.

And that was the beginning of a ministry 40 years ago that spread around the world. Because a country preacher, I was nothing but skin and bone. My wife used to joke about it.

She said, don't drink red juice. They'll think you're a thermometer. But see, I wasn't a threat to anybody.

I want to tell you something. God is no respecter of persons. I went to New York for a reason.

I wanted to see that the Holy Ghost was more than just talking in tongues and worshiping with a little group all my life. I wanted to prove that the Holy Ghost could save the worst kind of sinners. And now there are over 300 drug centers all over the world.

Nikki Cruz is now one of the great evangelists around the world today. Former Maumau gang leader on the street. First time I met him on the street.

He slapped me and said, go to hell. I said, go to hell. He said, Jesus loves you.

He remembered that and saved him. See, the hand of God, the Scripture said, came on Daniel. After time of fasting and prayer, you may be pastoring in a small church and I've been there.

And I know what it's like. And there's nothing wrong with that. That's a high calling.

That's a wonderful calling. I have a message I preach. The church of I John.

One member, John. And he had a church. And he said, I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day.

And out of that one man church came a message that affected the whole world. And I'm asking you, no matter what size church you have or what ministry you're in, when God lays hold of a man's heart, things are going to change. I'm asking God that God will get a hold of somebody here.

And say to yourself, there's more to it than this. Now, folks, I pastor a church of 8,000 people. But I still have times that I have to go in crisis praying because if I see the first sign that the presence of Jesus has lifted somehow, if I see that things are just beginning to everybody just getting happy and satisfied,

nobody's going to be satisfied.

No burden for lost souls. People satisfied just to see the church full. See, God doesn't care about how big or small your church is.

He's concerned about where your heart is. Are you wanting the presence of Jesus in your midst? And the heart cry every time I sit in the seat where my brother is sitting.

I sit on the first seat and my pastors lined up and I have cry in my heart and in every service I wait for that moment when I know and everybody knows that the Spirit of God has come, the presence of Jesus has come and the Lord is there and He's anointing people and He's opening ears and He's convicting people of their sins and I've stood in the pulpit and I said the very day that the Spirit leaves or the Holy Ghost lifts and we no longer sense the presence of Christ because we become so comfortable and if God bypasses and goes to another group because we're no longer fasting and praying and seeking His face we shut the door we have no church without the presence of Christ you have no church and it begins with the pastor if I am not seeking God if I'm wasting time or if I allow my

business the business of the church to take me away from His presence I tell our people and all our main pastors God didn't call me just fellowship with you God didn't call me to socialize with you He called me to give myself to prayer and fasting in the Word to come into this pulpit and preach your kids under conviction and keep you and your family from going to hell that's my job that's my call and when my wife knows and everyone in my family knows when I go into my prayer closet and I shut the door I will not allow the devil to interrupt me because when you set your heart to pray the devil will come with a conspiracy of interruptions he will interrupt your life as you've never seen and you have to make a decision nobody not my wife, not my children no crisis, nothing I will not open

the door no one calls in no one knocks on the door because I have an appointment I'm there to seek the face of God I'm there to hear from God and if the president of the United States calls me he would be told this my husband's talking to God he'll take your number and call you back when he's done I've done that with senators and I've done it over and over again I'm not boasting I'm telling you God wants your best time there's a cost you study the life of Ezra and Nehemiah you find the same thing I set my heart to seek His Word and His face you hear it from the prophets every one of them I set my face I prepared my heart I made a decision to seek the face of God and folks until that happens and it's not just prayer in the church it's that secret closet prayer it's that burden of the Lord

God is wanting to bring forth a Word and not from an American pastor or an evangelist what God's going to do in your country is going to be done through pastors and evangelists right out of your own midst you don't need anybody from Finland or Sweden or the United States or Africa you don't need anybody to come in here and fire up your soul and bring you revival it's going to come to your own churches and your own pastors and those who hear a word like this and say, oh God I am not satisfied I will not live like this anymore either you move in my life or take me home I would rather die than live in death I would rather die than not hear from God that's what it takes life or death I'm going to close in just a minute I listen to all of these stories on how to build a church I only know one

way I didn't bring any books or tapes I have nothing to sell you I've got no instructions for you other than this simple message 15 years ago I was walking the streets in New York I was an evangelist but I was still working in New York City in the summer time it was late at night and I was on 42nd Street and Broadway they call it the crossroads of the world and the drug pushers were selling their drugs and that very week of

July a famous basketball player died of an overdose of cocaine it shocked the whole nation one of the best basketball players in the states and the drug pushers were saying, hey, I've got good stuff I've got the best heroin I've got the kind that killed the basketball player I couldn't believe what I was hearing death had become the ultimate high I said, oh God they're

buying the stuff now to die it's not enough to get high to get so high you die and I broke down and wept right on the street I said, oh God that means our country is headed for chaos thousands are going to be dying they're going to hell I said, oh God please raise up a church right in the middle of Times Square find a young man somewhere I'll help him I'll raise money I'll come and preach for him but raise up a church right in the middle of this confront this tide of evil right here in Times Square and the Holy Spirit said, you do it you love this city you know this city and God made me a promise if you begin to seek my face again you go into crisis praying and you weep over this city I'll give you a theater that'll take your breath away and I'll fill it with hungry people and you'll

never lack for money my wife was waiting in the hotel room we lived in Texas beautiful home I told, how am I going to tell my wife we're moving back to New York to start a church but when I got in the room she had a smile on her face she said, you don't have to tell me the Lord told me we're back in New York, aren't we?

I said, yes I left everything but it took months and all I could do was go every week to New York and walk the street and weep just cry I don't know where to go I don't know how to do this but I know you sent me I don't have the money it would cost millions of dollars and one day I'll never forget I was in Broadway and 51st Street and it was right there God's Spirit came on me and I just broke down right in the middle of the street I said, oh God, I believe in miracles but what do I do? this is Times Square and you said you'd raise up a church and I didn't know that the Lord was sending me to 51st Street and Broadway praying and weeping right in front of the theater He was going to give me I didn't know it we started in the junkiest old dilapidated theater way downtown it was just a piece

of junk I didn't know it I said, Lord, you promised me a theater that would take my breath away and this doesn't take my breath away He said, just wait and He filled that place with hungry people drug addicts, alcoholics, prostitutes people from Broadway theaters the day came that I had to go back to the owner of the theater and he owned 15 theaters in Broadway and I had a man from my church who was a businessman and I asked him to go with me to see this owner of the theaters and I said, sir the theater you gave me isn't big enough I need to rent another theater a bigger theater He said, well, my largest theater is Mark Hellinger on 51st and Broadway He said, but we're just about to open a new movie I mean, a new show we're just about to put \$10 million into it He said, I'll make a deal

with you I'm expecting this to run 8 to 10 years it's going to be the biggest hit on Broadway and it's going to be the biggest hit on Broadway and as soon as it's finished the day it's done I'll rent you the theater he was just putting me off so we started to pray kill the show, Lord kill it, destroy it I would watch as they were coming out the people who were fixing up all of the equipment for the show I'd hang around the stage door and I was listening to these people they said, the curtains are falling the sound's not working everything's going wrong, this thing seems to be cursed and my heart began to leap because this is one of the greatest theaters on Broadway they opened the show they caught the preview and the night it opened I was outside the door watched them come up in their big

stretch limousines people in their big fur coats and my heart just sank so God, this is opening night and we need a theater that's bigger we need something, Lord, to house the people you made me a promise 15 minutes later a lady came out in a big fur coat she was about to get in her limousine and I ran over to her I said, what do you think of the show? she said, it stinks, it's gonna die in a week it died in three days worst reviews in the history of Broadway not one good review out of all the newspapers amazing you see, this is the theater where they mocked Jesus that's where Jesus Christ Superstar played and the star of the show was a drug addict and I said, you know what? and I remembered years before when that theater opened with this show I was an evangelist and I preached against it

I said, what a horrible sin mocking Jesus on Broadway I got so angry God must have a sense of humor because he said, if you're gonna mock me here I'm gonna turn it into a church and that's where I preach where they mock Jesus Christ Superstar not only that the star who played Jesus got saved and came and dedicated the church when he walked in he said, this is beautiful I said, well, you were here for years he said, but I was so high, I didn't ever see it he said, can I go back in my dressing room I said, why? he said, that's where I worshiped the devil I would close the windows and light a thousand candles and wait for the demons to come and blow them all out at one time he's now a preacher and we have the theater and God answered prayer how did it happen? fasting, prayer, the hand of God

brokenness simple childlike faith that God wants to see souls saved and he loves your town and your city as much as New York City and he loves you just as much as he loves me and he wants to use you just as he's used any other person you may never raise up some great church but you'll become the man or the woman God wants you to be and God will give you a voice and he'll give you a message and he'll give you souls I guarantee it, and the Bible guarantees it now this has been a very simple message and I've just unburdened my heart and I'll bring the prophecy to you this evening we'll stand at your feet Heavenly Father will you come by your Spirit and will you speak to men and to women about their need to begin to seek God as never before I pray the smallest churches and the smallest towns

would be awakened oh God prepare us build a foundation for what is coming you have to have men who are fasting and praying who are seeking the word of God who are desperate desperate men men who will pray in crisis praying awaken us oh God not just in church but in our homes oh God help us to turn off the television and to pray and to give our hearts and our time to you oh God forgive us we have prayed so little according to the need oh my God I pray for this nation that you raise up prayer warriors men who weep between the porch and the altar men who will not let you go until you bless them bless them with anointing bless them with souls and with power and courage to go to the neighbors and to go into their towns and with their people and evangelize and reach the souls and oh Jesus more

than fellowship now more than just worshiping that you will give us the burden to go out and reach our towns and reach our cities because we heard from God and we've been on our knees and we've been fasting and God is opening the doors and God is doing the work not with the ideas of man but with the moving of the Holy Spirit oh God overturn our traditions get us out of our seats and help us to reach human need God do it I pray hallelujah would you raise your hands would you call on the name of Jesus and would you make up your mind to begin to seek his face say Lord I'm going to seek your face give me your burden I will fast put it in my heart remind me put your hand on me touch me again and use me use me mightily would you call on the name of the Lord now

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